

## TEXAS

Park Operational Base Summary: The table below shows the annual park operating base for all parks within this state. Park operational base funds are supplemented by as yet undetermined amounts of project funding from regional or servicewide-managed programs, such as cyclic maintenance, the Natural Resources Preservation Program, and the Drug Enforcement Program.

If a park is in more than one state, the park is included in each of the appropriate state tables. The full operating base is shown; no attempt has been made to split the park operating base amount between two or more states.

Congr	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2002	
<u>Distr</u> <u>Park Units</u>	<u>Enacted</u>	<u>Enacted</u>	<u>Uncontrol</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>FY 2002</u>
			<u>Changes</u>	<u>Changes</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
23 Amistad NRA	2,269,000	2,310,000	48,000	0	2,358,000
21 Big Bend NP	4,487,000	4,596,000	139,000	0	4,735,000
02,09 Big Thicket National Preserve	2,190,000	2,227,000	53,000	0	2,280,000
16 Chamizal NMem	1,798,000	1,833,000	40,000	0	1,873,000
23 Fort Davis NHS	942,000	962,000	29,000	0	991,000
23 Guadalupe Mountains NP	2,055,000	2,093,000	48,000	0	2,141,000
13,19 Lake Meredith NRA & Alibates Flint Quarry NM	1,856,000	1,895,000	52,000	0	1,947,000
14,21 Lyndon B Johnson NHP	2,834,000	2,900,000	82,000	0	2,982,000
27 Padre Island NS	2,483,000	2,536,000	68,000	95,000	2,699,000
27 Palo Alto Battlefield NHS	389,000	395,000	9,000	0	404,000
23 Rio Grande W&S River	187,000	187,000	0	0	187,000
28 San Antonio Missions NHP	2,603,000	2,868,000	83,000	0	2,951,000

For FY 2002, Program Changes reflect increases for the Natural Resource Challenge.

The table does not include programs from other appropriations such as General Management Plans, Land Acquisition, Line Item Construction and Maintenance, Federal Lands Highway Program, and Historic Preservation Fund State Grants. Information on the distribution of funds in those programs is outlined on the next page. There are separate sections on General Management Plans and the Trails Management Program.

**TEXAS**  
(dollars in thousands)

PROGRAMS NOT INCLUDED IN PARK BASE:

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLANS (See GMP section for further information)

<b><u>Park Area</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Project</u></b>
Big Bend NP	Ongoing Project
Big Thicket NPres	Ongoing Project
El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro	Potential New Start
Fort Davis NHS	Ongoing Project
Guadalupe Mountains NP	Ongoing Project
Gullah Culture	Ongoing Study
Lake Meredith NRA	Potential New Start
Rio Grande W&SR	Ongoing Project

LAND ACQUISITION (see attached)

<b><u>Park Area</u></b>	<b><u>Remarks</u></b>	<b><u>Funds</u></b>
Palo Alto Battlefield NHS	1,488 acres	\$1,250

CONSTRUCTION: LINE ITEM CONSTRUCTION

None

PROPOSED FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY PROGRAM

<b><u>Park Area</u></b>	<b><u>Project Title</u></b>	<b><u>Funds</u></b>
Big Bend NP	Route 12 Safety	\$276

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND: STATE GRANTS

State apportionment: \$1,281

STATE CONSERVATION GRANTS

Proposed state apportionment: \$22,958

## **Land Acquisition and State Assistance/Federal Land Acquisition**

### **Fiscal Year 2002 National Park Service Federal Land Acquisition Program**

**Program or Park Area:** Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site

**National Park Service Land Acquisition Priority (FY 2002):** Priority No. 12

**Location:** At the southern tip of Texas, in and around Brownsville

**State/County/Congressional District:** State of Texas/Cameron County/Congressional District No. 27

**Land Acquisition Limitation Amount Remaining:** \$3,101,000

#### **Cost Detail:**

Date	Acres	Total Amount
FY 2002 Request	1,488	<b>\$1,250,000</b>
Future Funding Need	564	\$1,750,000

The total amount includes the cost of title, appraisal, environmental site assessment, acquisition, and relocation assistance.

**Improvements:** None.

**Description:** The Act of November 10, 1978, authorized establishment of Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site to preserve and commemorate an area of unique historical significance as one of only two important battles of the Mexican War fought on American soil. The Act of June 23, 1992, established the boundary of Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site to include 3,357 acres of privately owned land. A report prepared by the Service in February 1992 estimated the cost to acquire all 20 tracts to be approximately \$5,600,000. After fiscal year 2001, approximately 2,052 privately owned acres remain to be acquired at an estimated cost of \$3,000,000.

**Natural/Cultural Resources Associated with Proposal:** The park preserves the large battlefield on which the first battle of the Mexican War (1846-48) took place. It portrays the battle and the war, and its causes and consequences from the perspectives of both the United States and Mexico.

**Threat:** Since the enactment of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), commercial development in and around the city of Brownsville has increased dramatically. Such development within the boundary of the national historic site would adversely impact the historical integrity of the unit. In addition to developmental pressures, the natural resources are being degraded through poaching and excessive livestock grazing.

**Need:** The requested funds are needed to acquire a tract containing 1,487.50 acres of land located within the national historic site and adjacent to a highly traveled thoroughfare that is currently experiencing an increase in heavy industrial and passenger traffic. The tract contains important battlefield areas that are critical for proper interpretation of the strategies used during the battles. In anticipation of Federal acquisition of the tract, Palo Alto's partners have committed \$1.0 million toward the development of interpretive trails on this property to enhance visitor experience and safety.

**Interaction with Landowners and Partners:** The landowner is a willing seller and has been in frequent contact with National Park Service personnel. The owner gave the Service permission to appraise the property and would like the acquisition process to move forward. Palo Alto partners and representatives from the city of Brownsville also recognize the importance of acquiring this property.